# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:222
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UPGRADATION MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Railways have identified the congested railway stations;

(b) if so, the details of the ten most congested railway stations;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of railway stations upgraded/modernised during the last two years and proposed to be upgraded during the current year, zone-wise;

(e) the expenditure incurred/ proposed to be incurred thereon; and

(f) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Railways to de-congest the railway stations and also for timely completion of the upgradation/modernization work?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 222 BY SHRI TUKARAM GANAPATRAO RENGE PATIL AND SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD ON 712.2006 REGARDING UPGRADATION/ MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY STATIONS

(a) to (c): Classification of Stations is done on the basis of annual passenger earnings and not on the basis of degree of congestion, which is difficult to quantify. Passenger Amenities at a station are provided based on the category of the station and the number of passengers dealt with at that station.

(d): There are more than 8000 railway stations on Indian Railways. Upgradation/renovation/modernisation of railway stations is a continuous process and the same is undertaken every year in accordance with the laid down norms based on traffic growth and inter-se priorities. During the last two years, 110 stations have been developed as model stations as per list enclosed as Annexure-I. During the current year 2006-07, 334 stations over the Indian Railways have been identified for further upgradation/modernization. (List is enclosed as Annexure-II)

(e): The works relating to upgradation/modernization and improvement in the conditions of railways stations are carried out mainly under plan head `Passenger Amenities`. Station-wise figures for allocation of funds for upgradation/Modernisation works are not maintained. However, the expenditure incurred under plan head `Passenger Amenities` during last two years and allotment made during 2006-07 is as under:-

| Year | Rs. in Cr. |
|---|---|
| 2004-05 - Actual Expenditure | 222.76 |
| 2005-06- Actual Expenditure | 256.23 |
| 2006-07- Budget Grant | 353.20 |

(f): As part of station improvement, Railways execute various works aimed at decongesting the stations, such as, widening and extension of platforms, remodeling of station building, expansion of circulating areas, augmentation of foot-over-bridge, construction of sub-ways etc. which is an ongoing process. Apart from this Railways have undertaken an exercise for converting 19 existing major stations into world-class station, which apart from improving amenities is also planned to decongest stations by segregating arrival

and departure concourse etc. For timely completion of the works, they are closely monitored on a regular basis and requisite funds are made available.